

COUNTRY Germany (Soviet Zone)

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TOPIC General Military Information

EVALUATION see below

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REMARKS

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F-2 1. Five JS-3 tanks, 2 armored reconnaissance cars and 2 SP guns were detrained at the Halle (M 52/D 92) freight yard on 21 February 1952. A truck convoy seen driving from the freight yard to the Flak Kaserne, Moornitz, between 10 a.m. and noon of 24 February [redacted] which were loaded with ammunition boxes. Vehicles loaded at the freight yard by soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets on the same day included: 10 JS tanks, [redacted] 25X1
[redacted] armored reconnaissance cars [redacted] several 25X1
buses, ambulances and tank trucks; and about 20 trucks, [redacted] 25X1
[redacted] About 10 to 12 trucks were loaded there on 26 February, [redacted] 25X1
[redacted] could not be determined because of darkness. (1) A convoy of 100 to 120 motor vehicles, each carrying from 20 to 25 soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets, was 25X1
seen moving through Halle toward the Leipzig-Berlin autobahn between 7 and 10:45 p.m. on 27 February. Ten trucks in the convoy towed 37-mm AA guns. Six of the vehicles in the convoy [redacted] 25X1
[redacted] (2)

2. A train which was seen standing at the Weissenfels (M 52/J 92) railroad station at 12:25 p.m. on 28 February, with the engine facing toward Merseburg, carried from 150 to 200 soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets [redacted] 25X1
[redacted] (3)

3. Vehicles which were seen leaving the Artillerie Kaserne on the west side of Friedensstrasse, Zeitz (M 52/K 18), for the freight yard at about 9:30 a.m. on 3 March included: T-34 tanks [redacted] 1 turretless T-34 tank; jeep 25X1
[redacted] tank trucks [redacted] radio trucks [redacted]
[redacted] a field kitchen; truck [redacted] with billeting equipment; and vehicles. Truck [redacted] was seen hauling ammunition to the freight yard on 5 March and returning empty to the installation. A column of about 200 troops, including numerous officers, who wore red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia was seen marching to the railroad station. [redacted] these troops were to cordon 25X1
off the area around the station. (4)

4. A column which was seen passing through Wernsdorf, Kreis Oschatz (M 52/E 71), at 5:20 p.m. on 6 March consisted of 1 jeep, 41 trucks, 3 tank trucks, 2 ambulances and T-34 tanks [redacted] The trucks towed a total of 2 x 57-mm AT 25X1

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guns and 16 x 122-mm artillery pieces. [REDACTED]

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The column came from the direction of Torgau and proceeded toward Grina. (5)

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[REDACTED] Comments.

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- (1) The vehicle and tank [REDACTED] mentioned in paragraph 1 belong to the 21st Gds Hecz Div, components of which were [REDACTED] moved from Halle to Ohrdruf on and after 16 February 1952. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]. Including the troops mentioned in the present report, four tank battalions and one artillery battalion were determined among the troops involved in the movement prior to 4 March. It appears that some of the units returned to the post on 21 and 22 February.

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- (2) The same convoy of the 21st Gds Hecz Div was also observed by another source. See [REDACTED]. It may have been either an AAA unit moving to troop training grounds or several units which possibly were to participate in a command-post exercise in the Hamburg area. The latter possibility is suggested by the observation of vehicles [REDACTED] belonging to the unidentified guards signal battalion of the 21st Gds Hecz Div. [REDACTED]

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- (3) [REDACTED] the train carried a component of the First Gds Hecz Army that may have also participated in the command-post exercise in the Hamburg area. [REDACTED]

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- (4) [REDACTED] elements of the unidentified guards tank regiment of the 20th Gds Hecz Div left the post for firing practice.

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- (5) [REDACTED] belong to the 6th Gds Hecz

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Div; [REDACTED] the 9th Tank Div; [REDACTED] to head-

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quarters units of the First Gds Hecz Army. [REDACTED] that a command-post exercise, primarily involving components of the 6th Gds Hecz Div, may have been held in the Grina-Oschatz area from 18 February to 6 March 1952. [REDACTED]

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